



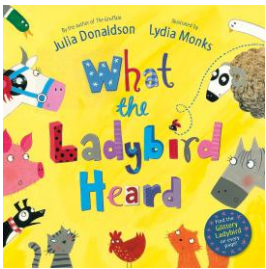
Excalibur Primary School

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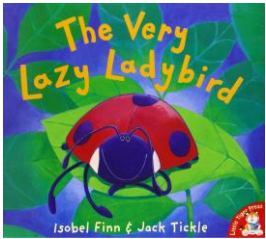
Pre-school Weekly Newsletter

Term: Summer two Week: three

Our story of the week was 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson.



We also shared the story of 'The Very Lazy Ladybird'.



This week, we continued our minibeast theme learning about ladybirds. Our story of the week was another Julia Donaldson favourite, 'What the Ladybird Heard'. The children were fascinated to find real ladybirds and ladybird larvae out on our bug hunt. There were lots to find over by the year 1 and 2 classrooms.

On Monday, Mrs Cadman came to visit from Kidsgrove vets. She is a friend of Excalibur and delivered a free animal workshop. The children were invited to touch some of the animals if they wanted to but some preferred just to watch. We met a very old and slightly deaf dog named Fern. All she wanted was a constant tummy tickle. We also met two tiny tortoises, a small corn snake, a lippy-eared rabbit, some tropical frogs and a guinea pig. Mrs Cadman also left some colouring sheets for the children to decorate for the waiting room at Kidsgrove vets.

In maths, we have explored counting back one. The children used a number track to five to jump back just one space to the number before. Our rhyme of the week was 'Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed'. Everyone enjoyed joining in with this one (especially the jumping up and down parts).

Family Sports Event

A reminder that, next Wednesday we will be holding our family sports event. The children can invite an adult to come and join our sports event. We have a few sports activities to rotate such as the drainpipe challenge, the tyre pull and the bean bag toss. Afterwards, the children will join in a few races before we all head to the hall. Children should arrive at the usual time, in their PE kit with a filled water bottle. We will aim to meet on the field at 9.15am. Children who do not usually attend on Wednesdays can also join us for the event.

Pre-school Transition

Next week, our new children will begin making visits to pre-school, before they start in September. Mrs Rogers and Mrs Ling were also busy making plans to come and visit our Reception starters. They will be popping in to read them a few stories over the next few weeks and the children will be going to visit Reception, in small groups, to get used to their new setting. Exciting times ahead! Please ask if you or your child has any questions about the next academic year.

Have a great weekend!

The Pre-school Team



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